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University receives two United Way awards

Marshall received two trophies Feb. 20, but not in the athletic arena. The university and its employees were honored for their participation in the River Cities United Way campaign.

At the annual United Way Victory Dinner, Dr. Jane C. Fotos, campus United Way campaign coordinator, accepted the "Hero of Education" trophy for Marshall's being the leading educational institution in the fund drive. She also accepted a fourth-place trophy for per capita giving in the category of companies with 300 or more employees.

Jonathan S. Dinkins, campaign chairman for 1989-90, in presenting the "Hero of Education" trophy, said Marshall has substantially increased its number of givers and more than doubled its dollars given over the past two years. In addition to the employees' support, Dinkins said, "The university continues to provide training for our loaned executives, expertise to nonprofit boards and technical assistance as needed."

Marshall personnel donated a total of $46,834 to United Way and its 39 agencies. The average per capita gift was $37.74.

"Our community would suffer greatly if it became necessary to curtail some of the services provided through the support of United Way agencies," Fotos said. "Marshall employees should be proud that we are helping these vital agencies to help our neighbors.

"Each year more employees are recognizing the importance of the United Way and our employees are becoming more and more generous in their support. I hope next year we can have an even greater impact with our campaign," Fotos concluded.

The River Cities United Way campaign exceeded its $1.5 million goal.

Parking permits expire

Parking permits for faculty and staff members who purchased six-month permits expired Feb. 28.

The Marshall University Parking Office will grant a one-week grace period for faculty and staff members to renew permits for the second six-month period. Permits will cost $20 for most parking areas and can be obtained at the Parking Office, 1819 5th Ave.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Parking Office, 696-6406 or 696-6648.

Dr. Jane C. Fotos, Marshall University's campus United Way campaign coordinator, holds two trophies presented to the university for its successful participation in this year's United Way campaign.

Marshall to observe Drug Awareness Week

Drug Awareness Week will be observed on the Marshall University campus March 5-9, according to Sharla Hofmann, coordinator of Marshall's Substance Abuse Education Programs.

"An important partnership can be formed between students, faculty, administration and the community to encourage students to make responsible decisions regarding legal and illegal drugs," said Ms. Hofmann. "Drug Awareness Week activities can help strengthen that partnership."

A variety of events that will stress education and the individual's ultimate responsibility in making well-informed, responsible decisions have been planned during the week.

A Drug Awareness Fair will be held Thursday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Memorial Student Center. The fair will feature numerous displays and professionals from the community will participate.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Substance Abuse Education Programs, 696-3315.
ASCR Committee discusses 'I' policy

(The following reports on the Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 meetings of the Marshall University Academic Standards and Curricula Review Committee were submitted by Dr. Jane C. Fotos.)

Feb. 9 meeting:

Linda Wilkinson presented and moved acceptance of the report and recommendations of the Curriculum Subcommittee for course additions, deletions and changes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dr. David Woodward, chairman, presented the report from the Academic Appeals Board of a grade appeal of a student.

Dr. Edwina Pendarvis submitted the report of the Standards Subcommittee which recommended revising the wording of the policy of awarding an incomplete (I) grade.

After lengthy discussion, the motion was made, seconded and approved to replace the first sentence of the policy as stated on page 67 of the Undergraduate Catalog with the following statement:

"The instructor may grant an I grade (Incomplete) when student's illness or some other valid reason makes it impossible to complete course requirements. It is the instructor's decision as to whether an I is to be granted based on the reason, such as, the amount of course work completed, the student's demonstrated potential to successfully complete the work and the appropriateness and feasibility of granting an I based on the design of the course."

The remainder of the description in the catalog will remain as currently written.

Dr. Woodward stated that ASCR needs to review the statement of starting times for university classes. Because of the lateness of the hour, discussion on this issue was deferred to another meeting.

Feb. 23 meeting:

Dr. David Woodward announced that Dr. Ronald Gain, chief hearing officer, has asked to be replaced immediately in that position. The committee went on record as recommending Elizabeth "Betty" Nordeen to replace Dr. Gain as the chief hearing officer of the Academic Hearing Board. The committee also went on record commending Dr. Gain for his three years of service as chief hearing officer.

Dr. Edwina Pendarvis reviewed the Criminal Justice Department's request for approval of the establishment of undergraduate candidacy requirements in order to resolve the problem of overenrollment in the program and its large operational ratio of students to faculty.

There was a lengthy discussion of the problems of overenrollment in general at Marshall and the problems encountered because of large operational ratios.

The committee agreed that the problem of overenrollment is a complex political as well as academic issue and needs further study and additional consideration before a recommendation related to the Criminal Justice Department's request can be made to the Faculty Senate.

Linda Wilkinson presented an moved the acceptance of the report and recommendations of the Curriculum Subcommittee meeting of Feb. 21. The motion was seconded and approved.

Fence may be removed

(The following report on the Feb. 20 meeting of the Marshall University Physical Facilities and Planning Committee was submitted by Neil Gibbins, secretary.)

The Physical Facilities and Planning Committee met at 2 p.m. in Room 810 of Smith Hall. Steve Mewaldt, chairman, presided.

Members present were: Steve Mewaldt, Neil Gibbins, Jack Dolin, Ed Grose, John Larson, Dan Twehues, Ben Miller, Nick Kontos, Helen Jenkins, Bob Eddins (guest), Barbara James (guest), Madonna Combs, Barry Charles.

Members absent were: Bill Downs, Mike Sullivan.

The minutes of the Oct. 16, 1989, meeting were approved.

Committee members unanimously passed the following motion: "An ad hoc committee on landscaping shall be created by the Physical Facilities Committee. This committee shall be consulted for suggestions and shall approve all plans for removing or adding to plantings on campus. This committee will consist of one member from the Biology Department, one member from the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department and one member from the Physical Facilities Committee."

Barry Charles was appointed to the ad hoc committee on parking. John Larson was appointed to look into the use of Corbly Hall Room 333.

Bob Eddins made a presentation on the use and misuse of the lounge on the eighth floor of Smith Hall. Ed Grose will investigate possible methods of securing the room.

The historical brick fence around the campus was discussed. A letter from the alumni was presented asking that the wall remain, if possible.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to allow the vice president for administration to remove the brick campus perimeter fence. A memo will be sent to the alumni to explain the plan to "balance" the fence area around the entrance.

The smoking policy was discussed. A ballot on suggested areas for no smoking will be sent to members of the Physical Facilities and Planning Committee.

Members adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Guest lecture planned

Dr. Phillip Howerton of the United States Navy's Naval Research Laboratory will present a lecture titled "Diode Pumping of Solid State Lasers" at Marshall University on Friday, March 2, at 3 p.m. in the Science Building Room 103.

Howerton received his bachelor's degree in physics from Marshall in 1981, according to Dr. Wesley Shanholtzer, chairman of Marshall's Department of Physics and Physical Science.

He received his master's in engineering physics and his doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Virginia.

The lecture will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Physics and Physical Science, 696-6738.
Helen Reddy will be on campus March 8

Popular recording artist and entertainer Helen Reddy will make a presentation titled "Women in the World" at Marshall University in observance of International Women's Day on Thursday, March 8, at noon in Smith Recital Hall.

Her presentation, open to the public free of charge, will focus on how far women have progressed and how much further women need to go, according to Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall.

Ms. Reddy was born in an Australian show business family and began performing at an early age. In 1966, having performed throughout Australia, she entered a contest which promised the winner a trip to New York City and an audition with an American record company.

She was chosen as the winner from more than 1,350 contestants and left for New York. However, she was not given an audition by the record company which had been expecting a male musical group.

Accompanied by her three-year-old daughter, Ms. Reddy stayed in the United States and was rewarded for her perseverance five years later with a recording contract with Capitol Records.

Her first successful recording, "I Don't Know How to Love Him," was followed by her first number one song, "I Am Woman," which won a Grammy award and eventually became the anthem for the feminist movement.

More hit songs from gold to platinum albums followed, including "Leave Me Alone (Ruby Red Dress)," "Angie Baby," "Delta Dawn," and "You and Me Against the World."

She has performed on six continents in such places as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, the Royal Albert Hall and the Palladium in London and the Opera House in Sydney.

Her television specials have been broadcast in more than 40 countries and her film "Pete's Dragon" has been released on video cassette by Walt Disney Productions.

Ms. Reddy recently has been working in the theater in Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" and Irving Berlin's "Call Me Madam." She also manages her own production company.

She has received many honors and awards for her musical achievements and her involvement in various causes and served for three years as Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the state of California.

Her presentation is being sponsored by Marshall University's Office of Women's Programs, Office of International Students and Scholars, Center for International Studies, Office of Minority Students' Programs and Campus Entertainment Unlimited.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

Williams receives honor

The Huntington VA Medical Center has honored Marshall alumnus Joseph Williams for his "significant contributions to the community."

VA spokesman Jenny Tankersley said the award was presented February 21 as part of Black History Month activities at the center. "We selected Mr. Williams because of his commitment to racial harmony through his activities with youth programs and his activities with the Ebony Golf Classic, and of course because of his political leadership as a city councilman, vice mayor and mayor of Huntington," she said.

In addition to the VA award, Williams received awards from the American Legion Post 47 and Local 2344 of the American Federation of Government Employees.

"I like to think of the people that went before us," Williams told The Parthenon, "When I receive the award I would like to dedicate it to them, because it is their achievements that have allowed us to continue to move ahead."

A 1978 graduate of Marshall, Williams previously has received the MU Black Alumni Association's Outstanding Black Alumni Award and has been honored by the West Virginia Small Business Administration as subcontractor of the year and minority business of the year.

Grant provides software

Dr. Steve J. Lahoda, associate dean of the Marshall University College of Business and interim chairman of the Computer Science Department, has received a UNIX based ADA language compiler through a grant from the Software Valley Corporation of West Virginia.

The software, valued at $4,000, will be used in the teaching of an advanced software engineering course during the 1990 fall semester.

"The capacity to teach the ADA language is important for our students and will help us develop relationships with businesses and industries in the computer field," said Lahoda. "For example, we currently are working with the Strictly Business Computer Corporation to develop student internships and we're discussing the possibility of participating with them on contract proposals to NASA and other organizations."
Commission on Multiculturalism meets

(The following report on the Feb. 21 meeting of Marshall University’s Commission on Multiculturalism was submitted by Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural affairs.)

The commission consists of a representative from each college and school, the Student Government Association, the Graduate Student Council, the Athletic Department, Staff Council, the Department of Safety and Security, Affirmative Action, the Provost’s Office, Student Affairs, Women's Programs, the Black Greek Council, United Black Students, the library, Yeager Studies and representatives from the Faculty Senate and the community.

Discussion focused on the following topics:
--The university’s Report for a More Multicultural and Pluralistic Community, prepared by the Council on Racial and Cultural Diversity and chaired by Dr. Nell Bailey.
--What the university should look like in five years in terms of diverse students, faculty, staff and administrators. Given that 85 percent of the workforce in the year 2000 will be minorities and women, it is widely believed that Marshall University should be more diverse.
--Recruitment, retention and graduation of students, particularly African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, underrepresented groups in higher education.
--The current enrollment, number of faculty and staff.
--It is proposed that increased numbers of students of religious variety and foreign students be educated at Marshall University.
--In-state and out of state students should be recruited.

Commission action included the following:
It was requested that data be obtained to show the number of minority students who leave Marshall without graduating and some indication gleaned as to whether the number is increasing and why.

There was considerable discussion of the role and responsibility of The Parthenon in reporting factual and actual information. The commission expressed interest in meeting with representatives of The Parthenon to discuss relevant issues.

Dr. Cleckley agreed to extend an invitation to Mike Friel and editors of The Parthenon.

An outline for a comprehensive institutional plan was disseminated along with other useful information. The following elements of the plan were discussed and comments were made regarding the elements: recruitment and retention of students, faculty, staff and administrators, campus climate, teaching and learning, curriculum and diversity in the governing board.

Excused absences . . .

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:
FEB. 9-10—Meredith Lutz.
FEB. 19—David H. Treharne, Mike Roberts.
FEB. 19-23—Jonathan Caldwell, Susan Higginbotham, Natasha Wideman.
FEB. 23—Tracie Sumpter, Sharon White, Jeff Maday, Lisa Richardson, Philip Beheler, James Nelson, Lewis Marcom, Danielle Pelfrey, David Smith, Steve Hann, Weston Cremeans.

MARCH 2—Roger Barnes, Kirk Barnett, Mike Bradshaw, Hulse Budd, Richard Carte, Kelli Chaney, Kathy Clay, David Danner, Kathy Davis, Andrea Evans, Julie Gillenwater, Dana Godfrey, Katie Hand, Ken Hawkins, Lisa Head, Todd Hippet, Gail Johnston, Kevin Jones, Scott Jones, Kimberly Litton, Kirk Maynard, Tim Mootz, Amy Oakes, Matthew Parks, Jason Petrie, Bruce Ray, Kevin Shope, Randy Short, Keith Simmons, Jessica Smith.
MARCH 1-5—Derek Scott, Todd Agne, Ed Rothman, Jay Nunley, Clark Haptonstall, Scott Cosco, Robert Thompson, Scott Brun, Kimberly Jefferson, Jennifer Scott.
MARCH 1-2—Carl Wolfe, Aliue Demba, Tracy Soltesz.
MARCH 2-6—Johnna Call, Dale Chambers.

Nursing group to meet

Marshall University’s Nursing Honor Society will hold its second induction ceremony for outstanding junior nursing students, alumni of Marshall’s bachelor of science in nursing program and nursing leaders throughout the Tri-State area in April, according to Diana Parnicza, associate professor of nursing and president of the society.

Area nurses who are interested in joining the Nursing Honor Society should contact the Marshall University School of Nursing, 696-6750, for further details and application forms.

Applications must be postmarked by March 14.

Ms. Parnicza said the Marshall Nursing Honor Society was established in December 1989 when 23 senior nursing students and two Marshall faculty members were inducted into the organization.

The society is in the process of meeting eligibility requirements to become a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau international nursing honor society.

Health series continues

Marshall University’s Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor a Self-Care Series seminar titled “Your Friends are Talking Drugs” on Tuesday, March 6, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

To obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800.
Marshall athletes making the grades

Call ‘em “dumb jocks” if you want to — but be ready to smile, pardner.

At Marshall University, athletes outscored non-athletes in the classroom last semester.

Figures released by Marshall’s Buck Harless Student-Athlete Program show 283 athletes in 10 intercollegiate sports ended the Fall Term last December with an overall academic average of 2.50 on a 4-point scale. Overall, Marshall’s undergraduate students had a 2.35 grade point average for the semester.

The report, verified by the university’s Office of Institutional Research, shows male athletes had a 2.39 academic average, compared to a 2.11 average for all male undergraduates. Women athletes had a 2.99 average, compared to 2.53 for all female undergraduates.

Of the 230 male and 53 female athletes, 69 — or nearly 25 percent — made the Dean’s List with averages of 3.00 or better.

“The ‘dumb jock’ syndrome is a fallacy,” Student-Athlete Program Director Donna Mauk said. “We have accounting majors, pre-med majors and students preparing to go to law school. We treat a student athlete the way we treat any other student: ‘What do you want to be?’ ”

She said athletes are more concerned about their grades now than ever. “The overall attitude of the athlete is to hold good grades and graduate.”

The figures seem to verify this. The athletes’ grade point average in the fall of 1988 was 2.38, compared with last fall’s 2.50.

MU President Dale F. Nitzschke said he was pleased with the athletes’ academic accomplishments. “Considering the tremendous demands placed on student athletes beyond the classroom, their academic performance last semester is truly rewarding,” he said. “It appears Marshall University’s efforts within the Department of Athletics and through the Buck Harless Student-Athlete Program, coupled with the competitive spirit of the athletes, are paying important dividends.”

The Buck Harless Student-Athlete Program, sponsored jointly by the Division of Student Affairs and the Department of Athletics, supports both the academic and personal development of student athletes. Services include academic counseling, tutoring, study skills training and academic progress reviews.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Kenneth E. Blue said the program is an extension of the tutoring services available to all students.

Student going to Zaire

Marshall University medical student M. Sandra Copley will work eight weeks this spring in a Zaire clinic under a MAP-Reader’s Digest International Fellowship.

Ms. Copley is the first Marshall medical student to receive this fellowship, according to Dr. Patrick I. Brown, the medical school’s associate dean for academic and student affairs. He said only 44 of the prestigious fellowships were awarded nationally and that typically only one applicant in four receives the award.

Ms. Copley, of Huntington, chose to work at Good Shepherd Hospital in Kananga, Zaire, with Dr. Walter Hull, who she had heard at a mission conference two years ago.

“It’s kind of like a dream come true for me,” she said.

The fellowship will pay three-fourths of her travel expenses. To help cover her other expenses, Ms. Copley’s church, Spring Valley Presbyterian, has given her a grant of $1,000.

MAP International was created in 1954 to provide medical supplies to developing countries. The Reader’s Digest International Fellowship, funded by a grant from magazine founder DeWitt Wallace, was begun in 1971 to help students who think they might want to enter medical mission work.

Ms. Copley told Marshall University’s student newspaper that she hopes to combine medical practice in the United States with work in developing nations. “Certainly I want to stay in primary care, but I never want to give up the idea fully of spending time in the Third World,” she said. “I feel that no matter where I go, I can make a mission out of it.”

Marco in competition

Marco, Marshall University’s mascot, has been selected to compete in the Final Four National Mascot Championships in San Antonio, Texas, on April 7. The annual competition is hosted by Memphis-based Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA).

College and university mascots from across the nation submit videotapes of their best performances to UCA. From these performances judges then select four mascots to compete for the national title.

“In his past four years, Marco has become a widely recognized symbol of Marshall University,” says Marshall Athletic Director Lee Moon. “He’s an excellent ambassador both for the athletic program and the university.”

“Young and old alike have come to know and love Marco and his highly creative antics,” says Marshall Cheerleading Coach Chris Yaudas. “Marco’s always been No. 1 in our hearts, but it’s nice to see he’s receiving the national recognition that he deserves.”

In his previous two mascot competitions, Marco has placed in the top 15 and 10, respectively. This is the first time a Marshall mascot has been selected for the Final Four competition.

The UCA mascot competition, as well as the National Collegiate Cheerleading Championships, will be taped for a future airdate on ESPN.

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women’s Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled “Women in the Church” on Wednesday, March 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details contact the Women’s Center, 696-3112.
Biologists discover new state fish

Faculty members and graduate students in Marshall University's Department of Biological Sciences have discovered and identified a species of fish never before reported in the state of West Virginia, according to Dr. Donald C. Tarter, professor of biological sciences.

The central mudminnow (Umbra limi) was discovered by Dr. Thomas K. Pauley, chairman of Marshall's Biological Sciences Department, at the Greenbottom Wildlife Management Area in Cabell County while he was trapping salamanders for one of his studies.

Pauley knew the fish was not a regular minnow and took it to Tarter for identification.

Tarter superficially looked at the fish and initially mislabeled it. He said he knew it was unique to the area and wanted to look more closely at the fish.

Graduate students Mindy Yeager of Dunbar and Tom Jones of Hurricane returned to Greenbottom to collect samples of the fish and correctly identified it as a mudminnow, which later was confirmed by Dan A. Cincotta, a fishery biologist for the Department of Natural Resources.

"The most important thing about the discovery is the fact that it represents a significant range extension for this species, which normally is found in the Great Lakes region, northern Ohio, northwestern Tennessee, western Kentucky and northeastern Arkansas and Kansas," said Tarter.

"This finding is way out of the range previously known for this species."

The fish is unique because it can breathe through its gills like all fish, but also can gulp air from the surface. Tarter said the fish can bury itself in the mud to hide from predators or survive low water conditions that would kill other fish.

One of the mysteries Tarter and the students hope to solve is how the fish got to Greenbottom. It is not found in the Ohio River, which makes the puzzle more difficult to solve.

Ms. Yeager will be doing studies on the Greenbottom fish to determine its protein content to compare it to samples of the species found in its normal range. "By subjecting it to selective studies, we hope to determine if the Greenbottom fish is a new species or is related to the other known species," she said.

The Department of Natural Resources has granted Marshall's Department of Biological Sciences a $6,000 grant to study the reproductive biology of the mudminnow for one year.

Tarter said it is important to study the reproductive habits of the fish because the Corps of Engineers plans to flood the area to create more wetlands to replace the wetlands being taken by the construction of the Gallipolis locks and dam.

"The fish is not on the endangered list, but it is rare in West Virginia and it is an important discovery," explained Tarter. "I don't think this will affect the overall plan to develop more wetlands in the Greenbottom area, but it could alter the manner in which the area is managed."

Tarter said studies would be made to determine what effect the proposed plans will have on the mudminnow.

"We have had excellent cooperation from the Corps of Engineers and the Department of Natural Resources," Tarter said. "I am sure that no one wants to do anything that will endanger this fish, and I believe that through our studies and these cooperative efforts we will be able to manage the area in such a way to ensure that the mudminnow, and other wildlife, is not threatened."

Tarter said we do have some responsibility to protect the fish, particularly since this is the only population known in the state.

WMUL going to tourney

Marshall University's public radio station, WMUL, will provide complete broadcast coverage for the Southern Conference men's basketball tournament March 2-4 in Asheville, N.C., and the Southern Conference women's basketball tournament March 9-11 in Johnson City, Tenn.

Located at 88.1 MHz on the FM dial, Marshall's student operated, non-commercial radio station will be the only station, radio or television, to provide complete coverage of both men's and women's tournaments, according to Chuck G. Bailey, WMUL faculty manager.

The broadcasts are made possible through donations from area businesses and individuals who help underwrite the station's expenses.

Bailey said area businesses can make a $250 tax deductible donation to the Marshall University Foundation on behalf of WMUL and receive on-air recognition as an underwriter. The station is not allowed to sell advertising time.

"Our primary goal is to provide valuable experience for our students," said Bailey, "but at the same time, we are able to provide local residents quality broadcasts of both Southern Conference championship tournaments."

To obtain further details about WMUL's Southern Conference tournament coverage contact Bailey, 696-2294, or Scott Cosco, student promotions director, 696-2295.

Employee achievements

BETSY BARGER COOK, assistant professor of journalism, was selected as one of 40 doctoral students from the United States and Canada to participate in the National Graduate Student Research Seminar on Educational Administration which will be held this April in Boston, Mass. She will participate in seminars and work with leading educators in educational administration during the program sponsored by the University Council on Education Administration. Ms. COOK is completing work on her dissertation, "An Exploratory Study of Moral Judgment of Higher Education Administrators," and will present her study at the seminar.

EVELYN PUPPLO-CODY, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper titled "Typically-Real Meromorphic Functions" at the American Mathematical Society's meeting held Jan. 19 in Louisville, Ky.